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SUBJECT: US/TUNISIAN JOINT COMMISSION--WORKING GROUPS ON TRADE AND TRIANGULAR INVESTMENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL:

2. TAX TREATY: US ABILITY TO MOVE AHEAD ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR US-TUNISIAN TAX TREATY NOT AFFECTED BY ANY NEW OR PENDING TAX LEGISLATION. TREASURY IS AWAITING GOT RESPONSE TO USG'S OPEN INVITATION TO RESUME TALKS AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND PLACE. THIS INVITATION WAS EXTENDED DURING OCTOBER JOINT COMMISSION MEETING WHEN GOT WAS UNABLE TO SET FIRM DATES FOR RE-OPENING OF TALKS. TREASURY HAS PREPARED NEW REVISED DRAFT, WHICH IS NOW BEING TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH, AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR TRANSMISSION TO GOT ASAP.

- 3. INVESTMENT PROJECT PREPARATION: OPIC SENDING REQUESTED INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY, ATTENTION LOGAN.
- 4. OPIC EFFORTS RE JOINT VENTURE IN OLIVE OIL: MCCALLUM HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AMBASSADOR HEDDA'S OFFICE TO FOLLOW-UP ON OFFER OF ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING POTENTIAL US PARTNERS. EMBASSY HAS NOT INDICATED FURTHER INTEREST IN OPIC'S OFFER, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOT OLIVE OILS OFFICE HAS ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSIONS ON JOINT VENTURE PROSPECTS WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN US. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THESE APPROACHES HAVE HAD ANY POSITIVE RESULT.
- 5. FYI WE PLAN TO HOLD MEETINGS OF TRADE AND INVESTMENT WORKING GROUPS IN EARLY MARCH. EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDED REPORT OF THESE MEETINGS. INGERSOLL

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